Ruby Controversy Given New Impetus by Death

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CHICAGO, Jan. 4 — Jack Ruby came back to Chicago today, an object of controversy even in death.

At the Original Weinstein & Sons Funeral Home, his brother, Earl Ruby, charged that "Jack was definitely neglected by the police in Dallas. Jack Ruby was throwing up in jail for four months and they neglected him for that time."

Ruby died of a massive blood clot in the lungs yesterday, less than a month after advanced cancer was diagnosed. The foreign press from Moscow to London today regarded his passing as further evidence that the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, was part of a conspiracy.

His sister, Eva Grant, agreed with her brother that Jack Ruby had been the victim of neglect on the part of Dallas doctors. So saying, she burst into tears.

Denied by Officials

Dallas officials quoted by United Press International denied this.

"I didn't suspicion cancer," said Dr. J. M. Pickard, Dallas County medical officer. "This particular type of cancer does not show itself for some time, until it is well advanced. We do not have the diagnostic facilities that you have at Parkland Hospital."

It was at the Parkland Hospital that Ruby died. It was also at Parkland that President Kennedy was pronounced dead on Nov. 22, 1963.

Ruby, who is said to have left $73,000 in debts, is scheduled to be buried next to his parents Friday after a Conservative Jewish service.

Hershey Weinstein, the head of the firm that is handling the funeral, said he had ordered a special bronze casket as a gift to members of the Ruby family, who are among his personal friends. The family would accept neither the gift of the casket nor Weinstein's offer to underwrite the entire cost of the funeral.

Will Assume Debts

Earl Ruby said he would assume Jack's debts and also pay the funeral expenses, which Weinstein said would come to about $1500.

Part of the debts may be paid by royalties from an album being issued by Capitol Records entitled "The Controversy." Included in it is a 3-minute tape recording in which Jack Ruby denied he was part of any conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

It was talk that there had been a plot that really killed Jack, Earl Ruby said.

"He lost the will to live because he felt that people felt it was part of a conspiracy," he said.

"He died from mental anguish from people thinking he was part of a conspiracy," Mrs. Grant added.

Rabbi David Graubart will conduct the service Friday.

Foreign press reaction to Ruby's death included these comments:

- The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia said Ruby's "suddenly discovered lethal illness" was suspicious. It cited reports that Ruby "suspected he had been infected with cancer through an injection given in jail." Tass said that "even the slightest chance to uncover the secret of the assassination disappeared" with Ruby's death.
- Several French papers also took the "conspiracy" view. The right-wing L'Aurore said a succession of mysterious deaths of key witnesses in the case gave the impression that someone wanted to end all possibility of a new inquiry.
- In London, the Sun, an independent, pro-Labor Party newspaper, said that Ruby died "when many people were questioning whether he was one of a ring of conspirators behind the shooting of the President."